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4-H EMERGENCY POULTRY CULLING CAMPAIGN

(As part of National 4-H Food-For-Famine Relief Program)

PURPOSE: Help feed starving children by culling poor-laying hens.

SLOGANS: Cull the boarders--Save grain for famine relief.
Feed the best--Cull the rest.

GOAL: 4-H will save 70,000,000 pounds of grain

TIME: During May and June.

FACTS: The U. S. Department of Agriculture states that

1. Four cull chickens eat enough grain to feed one starving child in Europe.
2. Four boarder hens--nonlayers--cost a farmer around \$0.75 per month to feed.
3. Poor layers can be culled in May and June with little effect on total egg production.
4. It is good business to keep only good layers at any time.
5. Culling one nonlayer out of seven on farms will provide 150,000,000 pounds of meat to help relieve meat shortage here at home.

So--

If each of the 1,700,000 4-H members could help get 10 hens culled out of their own or neighbor's flocks, the 4-H Clubs of America could help save 70,000,000 pounds of grain per month. This would more adequately feed the remaining layers and young chicks and save the grains needed for shipment to starving Europe.

Some Club members can do more--others, not so much.

QUESTION: How can every 4-H'er have a part?

Each State and county will want to plan a campaign to fit local situations. Here are 4 suggestions:

1. Every 4-H member, regardless of project, should

- (a) Understand how and why his flock should be culled now.

Suggestion - County extension agents to send special letter to every member and leader. Should explain how culling will save feed and cut down cost of production; how much it means to cull even such small numbers like 5 or 10 birds.

- (b) Help parents and neighbors with culling job.

2. Trained 4-H poultry-culling teams to

- (a) Cull neighborhood flocks as a famine-relief service.
- (b) Cull flocks on a service charge basis.

3. 4-H poultry-culling demonstration teams to be called on to show how to cull at

- (a) Local 4-H Clubs.
- (b) Farmers' meetings.
- (c) Homemakers' meetings.
- (d) Community meetings.
- (e) Tell how over the Air.

4. All these extra 4-H famine-relief services to be credited on the 4-H member's Club record and considered in

- (a) National 4-H poultry contest.
- (b) National leadership contest.